GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHINESE STAND ON INDIA`S N-TESTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether modifications have been made by China as a result of the recent visit of high level delegations to that country with regard to their stand relating to India`s insistence to maintain a reliable nuclear deterrent and the Pokharan N-Test; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) The nuclear issue was not raised by the Chinese side during the recent visit of high level delegations to China. Both sides agree that differences, including on the nuclear issue, should not be an impediment to improvement of bilateral relations.